





To-day's  
Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

MR. O. STRUCKMEYER has this day been authorized to sign our FIRM'S procuration here and in China.  
STREMSSEN & CO.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1898. [61]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"KANSU."  
Captain Somerville, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [47]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR."  
Captain Aquil, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [62]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO.  
THE Company's Steamship

"HUNAN."  
Captain Fraser, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [48]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON."  
Captain Rorison, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [186]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"GAZEZ."  
Captain Bailey, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [63]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"ARGYLL."  
Captain Ward, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [64]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND LIVERPOOL VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"KAISOW."  
Captain E. Warrall, will be despatched as above on the 17th instant.

To be followed by the Steamship "CHINGWOW."

For Freight, &c., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [193]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "GAELIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [1-192]

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a daily qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, Messes and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

## Notice of Firms.

## NOTICE.

A EUROPEAN, aged 22, seeks to fill a vacancy in a mercantile firm. Has had several years experience in Office Work, with a fair knowledge of SHORTHAND, BOOK-KEEPING and CORRESPONDENCE.

Apply to "X."

c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office, Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [57]

NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony, Mr. Y. SHIGAKI will take charge of this Office.

By Order, A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [59]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIRM OF Mr. ST. C. MICHAELSON, who wishes to retire from China, ceased on the 31st December, 1897.

MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [51]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with full details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and chemicals, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

BIRTHS.

At Tientsin, on the 6th December, 1897, the wife of CHARLES KLINCK, I.M. Customs, of a son.

At London, Shantung, on Thursday, 16th December, 1897, the wife of F. W. MARSHALL, of a son.

At Shanghai, on the 17th December, the wife of J. B. FITZGERALD, of a son.

At Yokohama, on the 17th December, the wife of Wm. T. PAYNE, of a son.

On Monday, the 20th December, at No. 1, Broadway, Hongkong, Shanghai, the wife of R. J. SOLOMON, of a daughter.

At No. 1, Sans Souci Terrace, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on the 20th December, the wife of R. E. TONG, of a daughter.

At 5, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on the 26th December, the wife of CHARLES DOWDALL, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, on the 22nd December, by the Rev. S. Stephen Walker, M.A., WILLIAM MACMURRAY, Engineer, Blinling Oil Mills, to JANET GLW, eldest daughter of the late Daniel Hamilton Duncan, Crosshill, Glasgow.

On Christmas Day, 1897, at the Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges M.A., RICHARD FRANCIS GADY, M.A., of Wexford, to SADIE, eldest daughter of the Rev. John S. Simon, Bristol, England.

On the 25th of December, at the Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges M.A., the Rev. GEORGE L. FULLAN, of Hankow, to EMILIE, only daughter of C. M. WHITE, Harrogate, England.

DEATHS.

At Cheonging, Shantung, on the 3rd December NORA DODD, daughter of the Rev. Frank and Mrs. HARRISON, English Baptist Mission.

At Tokyo, on Thursday, December 9th, MARGARET THERRER, beloved wife of Edward Divers, M.D., F.R.S.

At Tokyo, on the 12th December, JOSEPH HICO, aged 65 years, after a long and painful illness.

On the 16th December, at Yokohama, of typhoid fever, HENRY SWINBURNE ADAMS, in his 30th year.

At the Shanghai General Hospital, on the 16th of December, 1897, of cerebro-optical meningitis, B. C. POWELL, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., in the 30th year of his age. The remains were cremated on the 19th of December, 1897.

On the 23rd December, at the Osaka Hospital, the wife of Captain F. C. FULLER.

At Newchwang, on the 25th of December, 1897, JAMES FIDELAY GALBRAITH, of Glasgow, aged 24 years (Acting Agent of The American Trading Co. Newchwang).

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1898.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Singapore *Free Press* has a fairly authenticated story of the French Admiral having taken formal possession of Hainan. As we have repeatedly said, it is not necessary to disbelieve everything; and we do believe, have always believed, that the annexation of Tonkin inevitably meant the annexation of Hainan some day. The present is as good a time as any. There must have been some significance in the fact that, while all the stirring events are going on in the north, and all the Powers are concentrating their fleets northward, the French Admiral suddenly scrambles away south with his main force, and leaves Hongkong for some point on the coast between here and Haiphong. Moreover, we learn through a reliable channel totally disconnected with the news-making industry, that all the Hainan Straits pilots have been retained by the French authorities.

Some of our contemporaries have been distinctly too eager to display their superiority by disbelieving everything. It was so with the original Cassini Convention; if never existed, and in fact there wasn't any such person, but nevertheless the Russians are now in Port Arthur according to the mythical agreement, and Russian railways, mining engineers, telegraphs, and all sorts of pioneers, besides—take careful note, all ye who scoff—Russian troops to protect the same, are all over North China, and Manchuria, not to mention Korea. And it is strange that the Russian fleet is not troubling to watch Russian movements, nor the French to watch either. The presumption is that they are "in the know" and do not need to keep on the alert like the British and Japanese, in fear of being surprised.

The incredulity was most profound in Japan, where the English papers seem to follow the Japanese too much. In the course of a series of editorial paragraphs in which the *Japan Mail* demolishes the *Norichi-China Daily News*, the first-named proudly says: "As a matter of fact, the only journal in the Far East that refused to believe in the possibility of Germany's having any permanent designs upon Kiaochow was the *Japan Mail*." And before that issue has reached Hongkong, Kiaochow is a portion of the German Empire. The *Kobe Chronicle* also gravely rebuked all the Hongkong papers for paying attention to the ridiculous *canard* about Russia, Germany and France having come to an understanding on the partition of China; but a day or so later the same paper says: "While the general sketch is possibly accurate, we think that that portion of it which attributes designs on Formosa to France is very much to be questioned." This is exactly what the *Telegraph* said, and the *Chronicle* said we therein displayed "a curious lack of information and judgment." We do not reproach these poor people; not everybody can be expected to know as much as we do.

So we are prepared to believe a good deal in regard to Russo-Franco-German activity (with the accent on the Russ) and reserve our incredulity for alleged British activity. Our scepticism begins at home, and is fully occupied there. We have no faith in the Hon. G. N. CURZON, who declared so emphatically that the Government would never allow any Russian aggression in Korea. We have no faith in Lord SALISBURY, who pledged himself that Russia should never occupy Port Arthur. In fact, the apathy and nervelessness of the Foreign Office in regard to the Far East would even so pervade us with scepticism as to make us disbelieve in the sending of the *Pauline* out here, but that we can see her from our office window, and remind ourselves every few minutes that the Far East is not yet quite forgotten in Downing Street.

It is perfectly plain to our view that Russia, France, and Germany have arranged matters to their own satisfaction, without consulting Britain; otherwise, the fleets of the three Powers would not be so studiously leaving each other alone, while the British Admiral is breaking his neck (metaphorically) trying to keep an eye on everybody and every place at once. Moreover, it appears to us that the Triple Alliance feels sure of its programme, and anticipates no trouble from Great Britain, for no effort is being made to take any notice of the existence of a British fleet. It therefore remains to be seen how the Powers have gauged British forbearance, how much they think we will put up with, at a pinch. Probably they will consider that we should not say a word in the East if they consent to say nothing about Egypt. And probably our foolish Government will call that a good bargain.

## EXPEDITION AGAINST MAT SALLEH.

POLICE ATTACK REFUSED.

(Special to Singapore *Free Press*.)

LARUAM, 23rd December, 1897.

A special expedition has been despatched by the British North Borneo Government against Mat Salleh, the well-known outlaw, under Adjutant A. Jones, along with Messrs. Hewitt, Percy F. Wiles, and Geo. Ormby.

The force attacked Mat Salleh's jungle fort on Monday, the 13th December.

The attack, which was delivered under heavy fire, proved unsuccessful, and the expedition had to retire, with serious loss.

Adjutant Jones was killed during the attack, as also six of the Sikh Military Police. Seven Sikhs were wounded.

Mr. Hewitt has returned, seriously ill.

## TELEGRAMS.

## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR EGYPT.

LONDON, January 3rd.  
The first battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment proceeds to Gibraltar, to replace the Northumberland Regiment, which goes to Egypt. The second battalion of the Lancashire Regiment and the first battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers will be landed in Egypt on their way home from India.

THE SITUATION IN EGYPT.  
Reuter's Agency is informed that the movement of British troops to the front is defensive, rather than offensive against the Dervishes.

## JAPANESE TELEGRAMS.

["KORE CHRONICLE" TRANS.]

TOKIO, December 11th.

A report from Mr. Salto, the Japanese Consul at Tacoma, dated the 25th October, states that 200 cases of green tea shipped at Yokohama by the N.Y.K. steamer *Kinsu-maru*, which arrived there on the 10th October, were refused a permit for landing on the ground of being of inferior quality.

Prince Shimazu, who is very dangerously ill, refuses to take European medicine. This fact having reached the ears of the people in the Prince's Tokyo house, Dr. Takagi, Naval Surgeon-General, proceeded to Kagoshima a day or two ago to offer advice to the Prince.

MARUOKA, December 11th.

A disturbance took place last night at Tadotsu between the bluejackets of the gun-boat *Musashi* and the police and gendarmes. Several persons were injured.

NAGASAKI, December 11th.

A contract has been made with the Dredging Company to dredge 300,000 *toke* of Nagasaki harbour for 555,000 yen.

December 13th.

An apprentice named Epps, belonging to the United States flag-ship *Olympia*, was drowned last night in the harbour.

He is believed to have been murdered by sampan-men.

TOKIO, December 15th.

There was great disturbance at the general meeting of Liberal party delegates, held at the party headquarters to-day, caused by the *sorts* of rival factions. Several persons were injured and most of the furniture was smashed. It took some sixty or seventy policemen to restore order. Ultimately a resolution was passed by 85 to 44 voted that a motion of want of confidence should be brought forward immediately the Diet met.

MIYAMA Takejiko, a clerk in the Inokami district office, who was placed on the retired list last month, has confessed to the police that he has appropriated some paid in an account of taxes during the time he was in office.

TOKIO, December 15th.

The Bank of Japan has consented to place three million yen in the hands of the Specie Bank for the purpose of making advances to the cotton-spinning companies to ship to China the yarn now glutting the market in Osaka.

The Bank of Japan is considering a proposal to increase its note issue to forty million yen, as permitted by its charter upon the observance of certain conditions.

December 20th.

A special Cabinet Council held to-day has definitely decided to dissolve the Diet if it shows an antagonistic attitude, before the end of the year.

SKOUL, December 20th.

The Tongkaks have risen in the vicinity of Mokpo, and the Japanese gunboat *Chokai* has proceeded from Fusan to protect the Japanese at the newly-opened port.

TAIPEI, December 22nd.

The editor of the *Taiwan Nippo*, which was recently prosecuted on a charge of having libelled Government officials, has been sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for two months and to pay a fine of 50 yen. Mr. Noda, who contributed the objectionable paragraph, has been sentenced to imprisonment for three months with hard labour and to pay a fine of fifteen yen.

KANAZAWA, December 22nd.

Mr. Onoki Katsutoshi, who was recently dismissed from the directorship of a district office in connection with the river-bank reparation scandal, has committed suicide by hanging.

TOKIO, December 23rd.

Four gowns on the premises of the Yokohama railway station were destroyed by fire last night. The goods burnt and damaged consist of raw silk, cotton yarn, sugar and kerosene, and the loss is said to be heavy.

SKOUL, December 23rd.

A Russian subject named Routenfeldt has been appointed Superintendent of the Customs at Champo.

SKIAI-COKER, Minister for Foreign Affairs at the time of the Queen's murder, and Li Shao-an, an official who drafted the Royal Edict deposing the Queen, have been arrested and condemned to perpetual exile on Quelpart Island.

[Both these officials have been considered as belonging to the pro-Japanese party in Korea, and the action taken against them is one more proof of how completely Japanese influence has declined.]

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Edgar* went into dock to-day.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.50 per £.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd liner *Darmstadt*, with German marines for China, passed the Canal yesterday.

The sentence of death passed on the three men connected with the Broad Street murder has been confirmed by the Executive Council.

On the 27th December the American missionaries in Shanghai presented a farewell address to the retiring U.S. Consul, Mr. T. R. Jernigan.

On Christmas Eve the Europeans connected with the cotton mills in and about Shanghai held their second annual dinner, which was very successful.

For removing sundry articles from a Chinese shop in No. 31 Hollywood Road which had been closed by order of the Court, a cook who had previously been in the employ of that shop was to-day fined \$25 in default six weeks at the Police Court.

The Reuter telegram which said France was sending on the *Yamato* *Arise* to the East should have said *Yamato*. The latter is a second-class cruiser, nine years old; the other, a much newer vessel, was only commissioned last year and will not be finished for a long time.

TWO legal experts commissioned by the Imperial Government to collect in British Gulans all the available evidence bearing on the Venezuela boundary question have finished their task. They have discovered a most important series of volumes of minutes.

THE Chief Clerk in the Medical Department, Talong, has been married three years and has five children—twins, one, twins. This practical thorough-going interest in the future of the Federated States merits early promotion. But the Singapore *Free Press* knows of four in fifteen months—twins, twins.

TALKING of the Post Office, a rather good story is told in a Shanghai journal. A missionary young lady went into a newly-established post office at one of the upriver ports, and asked for a dollar's worth of stamps. "What denomination, miss?" said the gentleman seated at the receipt of custom. "Methodist," she replied sweetly; and then seeing her mistake added "Two-cent stamps, please."

INSPECTOR Watson, of the Central Market, secured a conviction at the Magistrate's Court, against a stall holder at the market for obstructing 18 feet of an avenue 20 feet wide. The defendant had been fined \$5 in April last for a similar offence and to-day the penalty was doubled. Four others were fined \$2 each for obstruction of not so serious a nature. The Inspector also caused a poultry dealer to ante up five Mexicans for keeping his stall in a filthy condition.

A CHINESE female child aged three years died yesterday through being scalded, at her parents' residence, Praya West. It seems that on the 30th ult. the little one entered a room which was in darkness and on the floor of which the cook had left a bowl of boiling water. The child walked into the bowl and capsize it, receiving severe injuries to which she succumbed as stated. Mr. Woodhouse held an enquiry into the matter to-day and returned a finding of "accidental death."

THE Bengal Chamber of Commerce is agitating for the erection of additional lighthouses in the lower portion of the Red Sea. In a letter addressed to the Bengal Government it states that, though the course pursued by vessels through the Red Sea is one of the most dangerous in the world, there are no lights for the guidance of mariners for a distance of nearly 900 miles, and that the present dangers will be increased by the new mail contract, by which the rate of speed of the mail steamers will be considerably increased.

THE Northern Assurance Company, Fire and Life (Messrs. Turner & Co., Hongkong agents), issue for 1898 neat desk-blotters and a very well-arranged calendar, which besides being artistic is a daily reminder of the vastness of the Company's funds and the proportions of its business. As a hint to calendar-designers we would like to recommend this style, in which a month containing four clear weeks and a day or two over at both ends, is given six separate lines, instead of jamming the odd days into a corner of a full week as some calendars do. It looks better spaced out reasonably, and the extra cost in paper will not break a prosperous firm.

The following neat thing in English composition is published in the Singapore *Free Press*—

Singapore, 27th October, 1897.

GENTLEMEN.—Learning from the local paper that you require a store-keeper, I beg to apply for the vacant post, and I believe myself quite competent to fill the post, and doubtless that my duty will always exhibit interesting and convenient and prosperous than others.

I have been in the service of Messrs. — & Co. for the period of ten years as a general hand monopolising in every department, and have years as a book-keeper, for which I enclose copy of my testimonials produced actually by Mr. — prior to stoppage of business of the firm.

If this application will meet with your kind approval, I incline to undertake such work soliciting your kind consideration as in fact it is for matter of impossibility.

CAPTAIN Frempton, of the steamer *Shantung*, which arrived yesterday, from London via ports, reports that on December 7th, when in lat. 14° 34' N, long. 109° 31' E, he observed a junk flying distress signals. He went to her assistance and took off three Chinese who were in a starving condition. They had been drifting from the 19th October until the above date, and were bound from Sing Quong to Te Kau, Formosan ports, laden with timber, and the vessel was water-logged. Too high a sea was running for Capt. Frempton to destroy the junk or lower one of his boats. The rescued men had to be hauled on board with lines, and the junk was in a very bad



The Post Office now delivers Shanghai mail matter to us with Canton postmark. Presumably it has come overland. We must be thankful for what we get, however we manage to get it.

The *Nagasaki* Press says that the German steamer *Suwa*, *Quarta*, and *Loyal* have been chartered by the German authorities for one year to convey coals and stores to Kiaochow Bay.

The police patrol of steamships in Japanese ports, recently instituted, will not be a very good thing if there are many policemen like Mr. Kimura-Iwao. According to the *Yokohama* official, look advantage of the opportunity to appropriate a gold watch and chain worth 400 yen, and a tobacco-pipe, the property of Mr. Obata, the Chairman of the Kwanan Steamship Union, who was a passenger by the *Anni*. After securing this loot, the policeman was so foolish as to show the watch to his friends, telling them it had been given him by his uncle, recently returned from America. Inquiries made led to his arrest, and he is said to have confessed, though he denies appropriating a further sum of 20 yen which Mr. Obata lost at the same time.

MISSISS. WHEATLOCK & Co's Coal and Kerosene Oil Market Report, dated Shanghai, 31st December, 1897, says:—Coal.—Japan.—At present our market is extremely strong, as stocks of all kinds have been completely swept off, and there is absolutely not a single ton of anything like steam coal obtainable. There are a few cargoes in Japan awaiting shipment from there, but a further obstacle in the shape of scarcity of tonnage prevents any business being done. Under this heading we regret having to make known the sudden suspension of payment of one of our largest dealers, which naturally affects the coal business, but we are given to believe that the creditors intend holding him over, at any rate until after Chinese New Year, when it is to be hoped that further arrangements will be made to keep him in the trade. Our quotations given below are purely nominal, but had we been able to procure cargoes, we think higher prices would be paid. Cardiff.—Owing to rumours of anticipated trouble a fair demand took place last week and some quantity has been sold at 17s. 7d. per ton. Sydney, Wollongong.—After worrying our friends in the Colonies we have at last been able to procure a small cargo at 17s. 13d. per ton, and though we have heard that a smaller has been taken up at 27s. 0d., we think that the above rate is the only business done. There is a further demand and another cargo could be placed at the former figure. Quotations.—The undated figures are based on the most recent settlements for cargoes to arrive and do not represent the present market rates for coals in stock which fluctuate with the supply and demand.—Cardiff, ex godown 17s. 10d. per ton. American Anthracite, ex godown 17s. 10d. per ton nominal. Sydney Wollongong, steamer cargo ex godown 17s. 10d. per ton nominal. Japan 7s. 0d. @ 7.75 per ton. Kerosene Oil.—America.—There has not been a very large business done since last writing, but sales that have transpired have been to actual consumers, and speculators have been conspicuous by their absence. The market has weakened slightly, and prices have declined to 17s. 6d. per cask, but this is purely owing to the fact that sales have been steady and not speculative. Arrivals have been the steamer *Queen Christina* and *S. Clara* S. Demet yesterday, bringing 134,000 cases and 78,000 cases respectively. Stocks, including above arrivals, 357,379 cases. Batum.—This brand has, like Devote's, been dealt with in small quantities, but at a slight advance on last fortnight's quotation. 17s. 15d. having been paid for Anchor Chop. There has not been much doing in other brands. Stocks 258,000 cases. Largest.—The stock has been replenished by the arrival of the steamer *Tancred* on the 23rd inst., bringing the equivalent of about 200,000 cases; this arrival has allowed of sales being made at quotations, but the business has not been large. Stocks in godowns are now estimated at 77,000 cases.

### STRIKE AMONG THE B. I. OFFICERS.

The B. I. S. *Goatpara*, which was to have left for Madras via coast ports at 11-30 this morning, said the *Rangoon Times*, of the 7th December, did not leave at the advertised time, the ship's officers, with the exception of the captain and those belonging to the engineering department, having struck. So far as we are able to learn, the officers below the rank of commander have a grievance against the Company, the said grievance being that promotions have been made from the rank of chief officer to that of commander without any increase in pay, which practically means that the pay of the rank has been reduced by Rs. 50 a month. The men are evidently of opinion that this is merely the thin end of the wedge, as they argue that the Company would hardly intend to leave the two ranks on the same rate of pay and are consequently contemplating a reduction in the pay of the officer grades. There are at present six officers belonging to the B. I. line in port, viz. the *Coccoloba*, *Yava*, *Goatpara*, *Nirunda*, *Pattika* and *Chappa*, all of which, it is said, have joined in the movement, which also extends to Bombay and Madras, throughout the 100 vessels which form the fleet. In fact, it is a universal strike, which has been carefully planned and organized, to come on on this date. The *Rangoon*, which left at 5 a.m. this morning for Moolmool, will probably remain at that port. The officers of the *Goatpara* went ashore this afternoon and the vessel has been moored out in the stream awaiting orders.

*Lair*.—The strike is over, matters having been amicably settled. This morning the 8th instant, a meeting was held at which it was determined that they should stand out of all costs. There are however three chief officers who are keeping aloof from the strike. The *Goatpara*, not having the proper complement of officers, was provided from starting yesterday with the mails, and the *Yava*, which has the Stralis masts, was also unable to leave port. A communication was received from the head office, undertaking to place no more officers in command of vessels or chief officers' pay, but this offer did not satisfy the strikers. This afternoon between one and two o'clock a telegram was received from Calcutta according to the officers' demands, and the *Strike* and *Yava* left port this evening.

### THE SHELLEY ST. MURDERS.

The man Lam Chow Wa, charged with having murdered one Li Fat and his mother Cheng Yek in a house No. 14 Shelley Street on November 14th, was brought up at the Magistrate's today. The prisoner, who has just been discharged from hospital after attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat, is a young man with intelligent and not unimpressive features, and the hospital bandage was still round his neck. He was undelivered and Inspector Hanson conducted the prosecution.

Lai Kiu, a little Chinese girl, deposed that at about 8 a.m. on a day two months ago, she was on the ground floor of her residence, when a woman named Ah Chua said she heard a cry of "Save life!" and had been witness to a murder. When on the eighth step of the stairs she saw the prisoner at the top of the stairs holding a sword with both hands to front of his face. When he saw witness he cried out to her that she must not run away. She then returned to the ground floor. When she saw the sword there was blood on it. Prisoner lived in the house where she saw him; he lived by himself but she did not know what he was. When the police came witness went upstairs and saw the bodies of her uncle and her grandmother lying on the floor. Her uncle was in the passage and her grandmother in the sitting room. Her grandmother, who was a Christian, was a widow, 64 years of age, and her uncle was 31 years of age. He was a servant employed at the Spanish Provisional. He was a native of Chat Po village in the Kwanang province. Witness also saw prisoner lying in the passage. She last saw her uncle a quarter of an hour before when he went upstairs. The sword produced was the one prisoner had in his hands. She had never before until prisoner had it.

Lau Cheung, a girl who was in the company of last witness, deposed to having heard cries of "Save life!" from No. 14 Shelley Street, next door to her place.

Li Yat Choy, a nephew of the prisoner, deposed that he was a school boy and lived in a house at the back of the Spanish Provisional. Between 7 and 8 a.m. on November 14, he went upstairs to get some clothing. He saw two bodies in the passage and one in a room. Prisoner was one of the three and was lying partly on his back. He was quite motionless. Witness ran downstairs at once and did not notice what was the matter with prisoner. He saw no sword about the place. There was a little blood on the floor where the bodies were. Prisoner was rent collector to the Spanish Provisional and was a married man. The deceased man was a prisoner of war, and was a decent man as getting prisoner's job there was a coolness between them. The murdered woman was the mother of Li Fat.

P.C. 604 gave evidence as to having entered the premises after the alarm was raised. A European priest on Calne Road told him there was a row in Shelley Street. He saw a crowd outside a house there and he went up to the first floor and saw the bodies of deceased. The woman had wounds on the throat, head and hand. Prisoner was lying in the passage bleeding from a wound in the throat and the sword was at his feet. The deceased man was wounded on the head, throat and hand.

A brother of the deceased Li Fat gave evidence that from what he heard he went to his mother's house in Shelley Street and found her dead. He also recognized his younger brother who was dead in the passage.

Dr. J. C. Thomson deposed to the post mortem examination he made on the bodies of deceased.

The case was adjourned till 10.30 a.m. tomorrow when Father Torres of the Spanish Dominican Provisional will give evidence as to the probable cause of the murder.

### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The following are the last monthly returns for the Captain's cup:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.		
Mr. W. J. S. Underwood	96	81
Mr. E. M. Knox	10	84
Mr. J. Thurber	97	86
Mr. C. Palmer	97	87
Mr. R. M. Clancy, R.N.	96	88
Mr. F. M. Clancy	106	16
Mr. E. A. Ramo	99	90
Mr. H. L. Dalrymple	100	92
Com. Taylor, R.N.	101	93
Mr. C. A. Tomes	101	93
Mr. J. Hastings	108	12

24 entries.

POOL.		
Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins	91	83
Dr. Peard, R.N.	96	84
Mr. W. A. Duff	100	88
Mr. P. de C. Morris	101	88
Mr. C. W. May	93	80
Mr. A. J. Clancy	106	10
Mr. C. Palmer	100	10
Com. Taylor, R.N.	101	10
Mr. H. L. Dalrymple	100	8
Mr. C. A. Tomes	101	8

The quarterly meeting for the MacEwen Cup, Beger, and Pool quarterly competitions will be held from the 7th to the 10th inst.

### NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

A disastrous fire broke out at Ningpo a few days ago, completely gutting three houses. The origin of the outbreak is given as the accidental bursting of a kerosene lamp.

At Su-ching, Chekiang, an old woman was murdered by a ruffian who cut her throat and took away a pearl and a gold bracelet. It is believed that the murderer had a grudge against his victim.

The Viceroy of Canton has sent a telegram to Kwangse to buy rice and fuel which he intended to sell to the people at a low price owing to the recent rise in the price of these commodities. No one is allowed to make purchases exceeding \$1 per day.

There is a yarn in Chinese papers that the commander of a British war-vessel asked the Commander of the Wooning force the other day to lend him the use of the fort for practice. This request, the story goes, was refused. All that we shall say is that this is downright "rot."

The Chungking authorities have renewed the proclamation prohibiting the exportation of copper cash.

It is alleged that when Chang Chih-tung ex-Viceroy of Nankin, was in office he borrowed \$800,000 from a German syndicate and promised to repay it on the 40th year of Kwangsu (A.D. 1915) but owing to the present crisis the Germans have sent a representative to the present Viceroy of Nankin to demand immediate payment. The Viceroy replied that it was agreed that the money should be repaid at a certain time and he advised the German to see Chang Chih-tung about it. Consequently the representative of the syndicate went to Wuchang but he was curtly received by the ex-Viceroy who told him that he would not consider the matter till the agreed time (17 years more) comes!

### THE SYNAGOGUE CASE.

THE VERDICT DELIVERED.

The verdict in the Synagogue case has been delivered by the Hongkong correspondent of a Shanghai paper, and if Sir John Carrington finds himself in doubt how to decide it, he may save himself the trouble by reading the correspondence in question, which puts the whole matter in a nutshell. We prefer not to reproduce the journalistic judgment, as it seems to us a trifle premature. Our Shanghai contemporary is unfortunately in having in Hongkong an amateur whose judgment is as weak as his journalism.

### THE TYTAM TIGER ALIVE AGAIN.

When a Japanese paper reports that "a large tiger came up from the sea recently at Tosa," it smacks of the old and worn-out sea-serpent story, says the *Kobe Chronicle*. But it seems to be true that the people of a little fishing hamlet of Tosa have actually been visited by a tiger from the sea. A few days ago the dead bodies of six men were washed ashore, and this gave a clue as to how such an unexpected visitor as a tiger came to be among them. It has since been ascertained that fourteen men who were running a peripatetic tiger show were crossing from Aki to Tokushima when the boat capsized in a squall and foundered. Presumably the tiger was not in a cage, or, if so, the cage must have been so insubstantial that it was incapable of resisting the fury of the animal when death by drowning was in sight. The tiger is now reported to have swum ashore in safety, been caught and lodged in a cow shed. What a dole creature it must be! It must be the Tytiam tiger which created so much excitement in Hongkong a year or two back. No wonder it was pretty tame after such a long swim.

### RESPONSIBILITY ON BILLS OF LADING.

SHIPOWNERS' "SAVING CLAUSES" OVERVIEWED.

It is a standing complaint against steamship owners that they cover their bills of lading and other documents with a mass of verbiage to the effect that they are not to be held responsible for anything under the sun. These "saving clauses" it is frequently claimed, cannot be held to have any legal weight, and might as well be discarded. In the British Consular Court at Yokohama on the 24th inst., before his Honor Judge Wilkinson, M.M. Hansen, manager of the firm of M. H. E. Ellis, sued the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, by their agent Mr. Alfred Woolley, for yen 146.25, alleged loss of two packages of cargo consisting of two packages of ivory landed at Yokohama on 25th June, 1897, from Bombay and 10 yen expenses of survey. Both parties conducted their own case. Mr. F. J. Norman was sworn to act as interpreter of Hindustani, the plaintiff's knowledge of the English language being limited.

Mr. Woolley, in the course of the case, said he objected to gunny bags for packing purposes. His Honor said that this would not affect his mind in the slightest degree. If they said they would not take ivory in gunny bags it would be very well, but if the custom existed of carrying it in gunny bags it was open to the Company to say that these particular gunny bags were very bad and got scattered, though as he understood it they were strong enough to hold the goods together.

Mr. Woolley proceeded to argue that on the terms of the bill of lading the Company was absolutely free from liability.

His Honor said he decided positively against you. You are liable for any result that may be found. The defence to the case was that the goods were delivered in good order and condition. Capt. Efford, however, said that on arrival there were holes in the gunny bags large enough to permit some of the ivory to escape.

His Honor said the obligation was upon the defendants to show that the contents of the packages were the same when the packages were delivered, as when they were received by the Company, or that the loss was through insufficiency of packing. If the plaintiff could show that the contents were not reduced, and the defendants failed to do so, his Honor was then they were liable. So far his Honor was not satisfied that the loss was due to insufficiency of packing. He was inclined to believe from the evidence that some of the ivory had been lost from the packages.

Mr. Woolley said that in this case it would be necessary to adjourn until the information could be obtained from Bombay.

The case was thereupon adjourned until Wednesday, March 15 next.

### COREA.

("N. C. D. NEWS" CORRESPONDENT.)

### THE PROGRESS OF RUSSIANISATION.

4th December.

M. Alexieff has taken charge of the Korean finances and one of his first acts was the appointment of six Russian-speaking Koreans from Vladivostok. All arrears of salary have been paid to Korean officials and the money which remained in the Treasury has all been used by the King, so that it is now empty. The Government is consequently contemplating a new loan which will doubtless be obtained from Russia. As yet M. Alexieff has not interfered with the Customs, which is doubtless due to the fact that there is as yet no one to take the place of those whom it is intended to displace. It is, however, only a question of time.

It is now known that the appointment of M. Alexieff to the control of the Korean finances was arranged soon after the King had fled for refuge to the Russian Legation. It therefore seems that M. de Spoyers is merely carrying out the policy inaugurated by his predecessor in accordance with instructions from St. Petersburg.

has at last been banished, but it was with a Russian guard of honor. Everything now is gradually becoming Russian and it is now only a question of months when Korea will be a dependency of Russia. Japan will doubtless make a struggle, but it will be a useless one and no other nation has sufficient interests in Korea to join her.

### NOT A N D A .

#### CALENDAR.

JANUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1885.

Barometer ..... 30.165  
Thermometer ..... 59.4  
Humidity ..... 74.0  
Rainfall ..... 1.67

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### Consignees.

#### INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 5th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [3-143]

#### NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "COLUMBIA."

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ AND MOJÍ.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [3-144]

#### "GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENESK" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 17th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be examined on the 17th instant at 11 A.M. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [3-144]

#### THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SWANSEA, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"PINGSUEY" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Underwriter before Noon on the 10th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and



## Intimations.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
TAMBA MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 7th January, at 4 P.M.
HAKATA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAPAN), PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 7th January, at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 20th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 25th January, at Noon.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	SEATTLE, WAH, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 28th January, at 4 P.M.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &amp;c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7 Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 5th January 1898

## THE WORLD RENOWNED

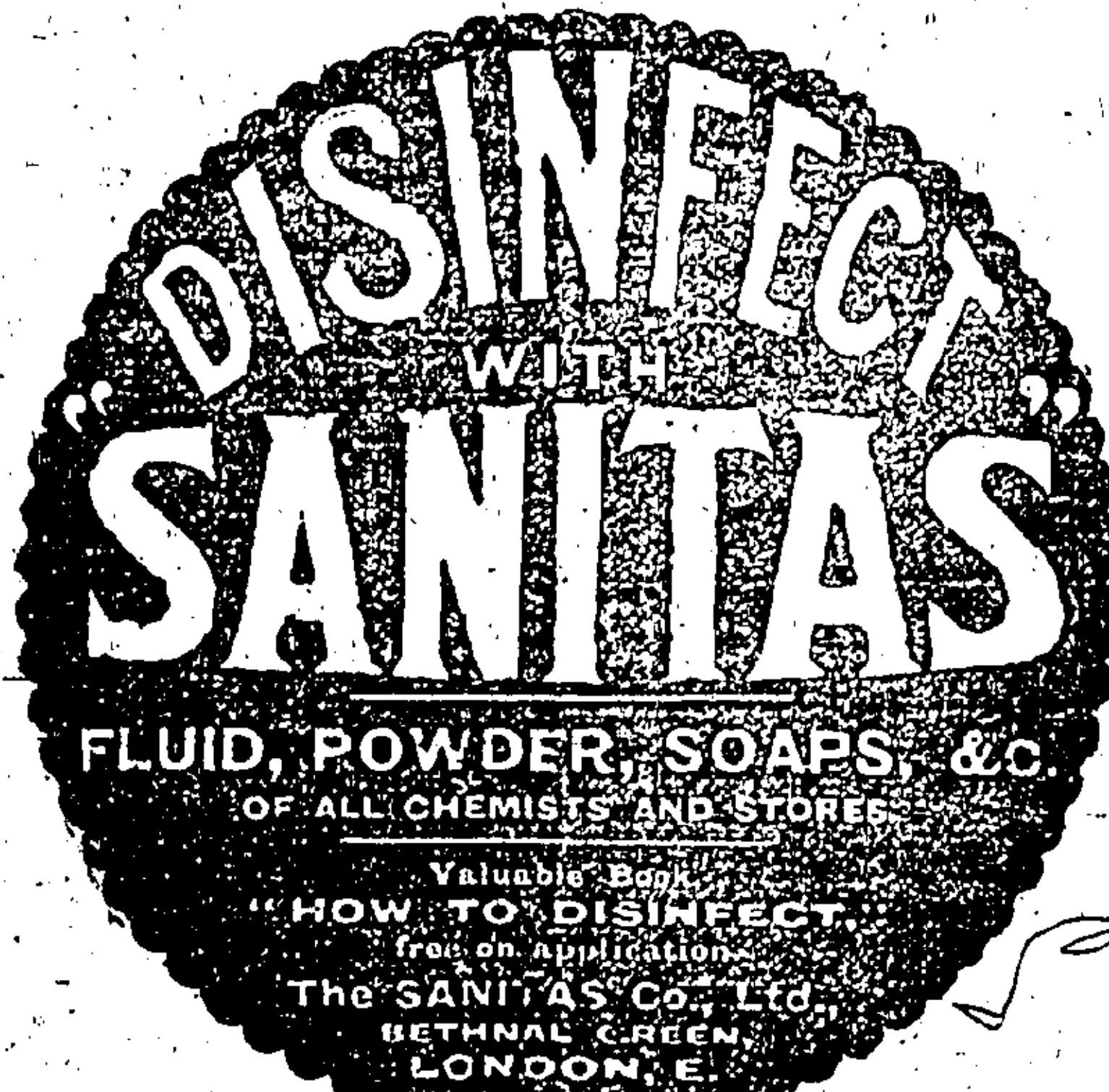
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## Scott's Emulsion

Is a palatable nourishment that assists in forming healthy flesh. It enriches the blood, and overcomes the weak, emaciated tendencies, which loss of flesh denotes. It gives vitality. Sold by all Chemists.

Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China:—WATKINS &amp; Co., Hongkong.

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION on SATURDAY, the 8th inst., commencing at 2.30 P.M.  
RANGES, 800 and 900 yards.  
Entrance, 30 cents.

A. CHAPMAN, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1898.

## THE LEADING CATERERS.

COMPARE OUR MENU, BILLIARD TABLES and LIQUORS to all others. THE GRILL ROOM.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1897.

## CARBOLINEUM-AVENARIUS

USED FOR OVER 20 YEARS.  
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Hongkong, 11th September, 1896.

## SIEN TING.

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TERMS VERY MODERATE.  
Consultation free.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1895.

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAI TAN,"

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

THE Steamship

"KIOTO MARU"

Schabshims, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 7th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"

Captain Frampton, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 7th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYORA,"

Captain Cass, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898.

FOR NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"VARROWDALE,"

Captain G. Geddes, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th January, 1898.

To be followed by the S.S. "HANSEAT" on or about 31st Jan., 1898.

S.S. "LYDERHORN" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.

S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 18th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1897.

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE,"

to sail about the 15th January, 1898.

S.S. "ARGYLE," about 5th Feb., 1898.

S.S. "GHAZEL," about 20th Feb., 1898.

S.S. "LEWIS," about 10th March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENLEDI,"

Captain Farquhar, will be despatched as above on or about the 17th January.

Application for Freight should be made in advance as there is only a limited space available.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1897.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ORESTES,"

Captain Barr, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898.

NORDDOITSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Extra Steamship

"DARMSTADT,"

will be despatched as above on or about the 15th of February, 1898.

To be followed by the "CREFIELD" on or about the 15th of March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897.

SAILING VESSEL.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 At American Ship

"NEW YORK,"

Penbody, Master, shortly expected here, will load for the above Port, and will have prompt despatch.

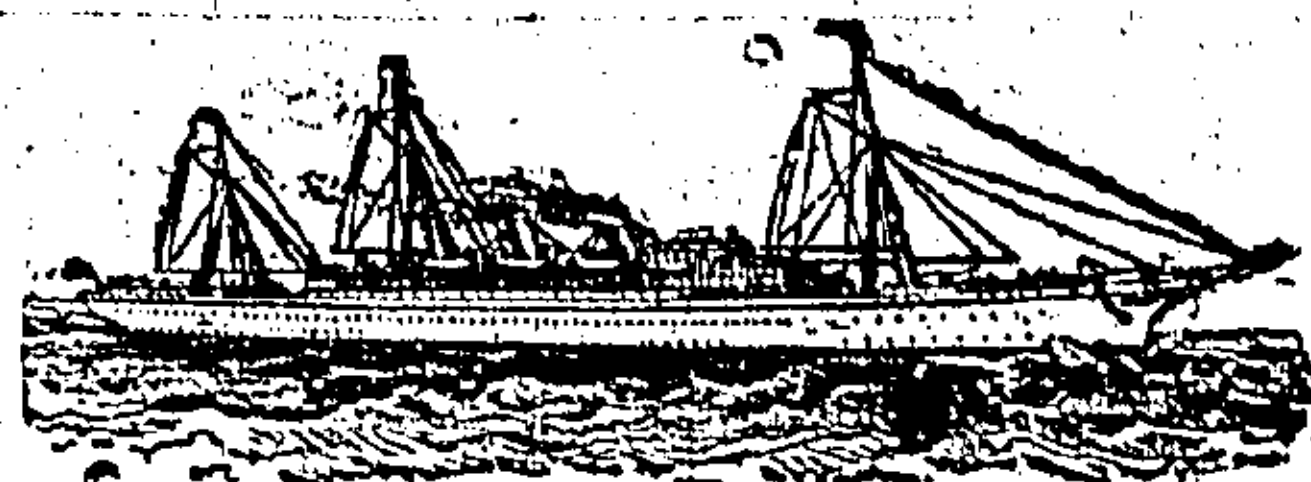
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1897.

## Mails.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 19th Jan., 1898.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1898.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., 1898.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1897.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....

Saturday, 15th Jan., at Daylight.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama).....

Thursday, 3rd Feb., at Noon.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....

Thursday, 22nd Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 15th Jan., 1897, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1897.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama).....

Thursday, 6th Jan., at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....

Tuesday, 25th Jan., at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....

Saturday, 12th Feb., at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and value of same is required.

Consular invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1897.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Columbia 2,605 | A. Gow..... | Jan. 11.

Tacoma 2,549 | A. Dixon..... | Feb. 1.

Victoria 3,167 | J. Trubridge..... | Feb. 2.

Olympia 3,591 | Dobson..... | Mar. 15.

ALSO FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Pelican 2,338 | A. Gove..... | Feb. 8.

Bramar 3,601 | E. Porter..... | Mar. 8.

Mogul 3,654 | W. H. Wright..... | Mar. 29.

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Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897.



## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

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THE Steamship

"THAMES,"

Captain E. R. Dowell, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &amp;c., on THURSDAY, the 13th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo